

# **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 120**

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The FFTC held an internet virtual Zoom meeting from their homes on 11 May 2022.

## **FFTC 2022 CALENDAR**

### **BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2022 Publication V2.0**

**Please note that Space events appear on this calendar as they are the responsibility of the FFTC. They are not part of the Overall British Free Flight Championship**

**The F1A, B, C Team Selection, Womans Cup and Junior at the Nationals and Buckminster Gala are excluded from the Free Flight Championships.**

**Please also note that ONLY Team Selection events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather**

### **Changes to version (V1.0) shown in RED**

| Start date  | Event  | Classes  |  |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| 12 - 15 May | F1E<br>Venue: Peak<br>District or<br>Melton Mowbray                              | F1E Team Selection 1<br>1 or 2 days according to weather   | Contact: Ian Kaynes<br>01252 512538<br>kaynes@btinternet.com       |
| 29 May      | Nationals Small<br>Classes<br>North Luffenham                                    | F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), E30, P30 (Flight), Mini Vintage (Weston), Co2 (Sparklets), CLG, HLG  | Mike Woodhouse<br>01603 457754<br>michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com  |
| 4 – 5 June  | Nationals Large<br>Classes<br>Venue: Salisbury<br>Plain                          | CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cosh), F1Q (Astral), Vintage RP (Jubilee), Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G (Ripmax), SLOP (Harris), HLG, CLG, Tailless (Lady Shelley). | Mike Woodhouse<br>01603 457754<br>michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com  |
| 4 – 5 June  | Space Nationals<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Team<br>Selection<br>Venue Salisbury<br>Plain | S1B, S2P,S3A, S4A,S5C,S6A,S8E/P, S9A   | Trevor Seabrook<br>07899 030875<br>contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 9-12 June   | 2nd F1E<br>Venue: Peak<br>District or<br>Melton Mowbray                          | F1E (SMC trophy) 1 or 2 days according to weather  | Contact: Ian Kaynes<br>01252 512538<br>kaynes@btinternet.com       |

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| 19 June           | 4th Area - Team Power Day<br>Venue: Area Venues                | CG, CP (Team, Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), Mini Vintage, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge), P30, F1J     | Contact: Area Comp Secs.   |
| 25-26 June        | Team Selection<br>Venue: Barkston Heath                        | F1A, F1B, F1C   | Contact Phil Ball<br>07470177947<br>phil.ball@ntlworld.com         |
| 10 July           | 5th Area - Summer Mini Day                                     | CG, CR, CP, F1H (Plugge), F1G, 1/2A (Plugge), E36, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30.                              | Contact: Area Comp Secs.   |
| 14 -17 July       | 3rd F1E<br>Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray              | F1E Team Selection 2<br>1 or 2 days according to weather  | Contact: Ian Kaynes<br>01252 512538<br>kaynes@btinternet.com       |
| 30 - 31 July      | East Anglian Gala<br>Venue: Sculthorpe                         | CG, CR, CP, CE, E36, Vintage RP, Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless, CO2.             | Mike Woodhouse<br>01603 457754<br>michael.woodhouse1942@gmail.com  |
| 30 - 31 July      | Space FAI 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Selection<br>Venue: Sculthorpe. | S1A, s3A, S4A, S6A, S9A   | Trevor Seabrook<br>07899 030875<br>contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 21 August         | Southern Gala<br>Venue: Salisbury Plain                        | CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, 1/2A, H/CLG, E30   | Ken Faux<br>01279 721008<br>ken.faux@btinternet.com                |
| 21 August         | Southern Gala  | Space Practice  | Trevor Seabrook<br>07899 030875<br>contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 3 September       | Stonehenge Cup<br>Venue: Salisbury Plain                       | F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q  | John Carter<br>01782 398816<br>nordicf1a@outlook.com               |
| 4 September       | Equinox Cup<br>Venue: Salisbury Plain                          | F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q  | John Carter<br>01782 398816<br>nordicf1a@outlook.com               |
| 11 September      | 6th Area - KMAA Day<br>Venue: Area Venues                      | CR, CP, CE, F1A (Plugge KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), F1J, Vintage RP, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)         | Contact: Area Comp Secs.   |
| 15 – 18 September | F1E<br>Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray                  | F1E Team Selection 3<br>1 or 2 days according to weather.   | Contact: Ian Kaynes<br>01252 512538<br>kaynes@btinternet.com       |
| 24-25 September   | Team Selection Reserve I<br>Venue TBC                          | F1A, F1B, F1C,  | Contact Phil Ball<br>07470177947<br>phil.ball@ntlworld.com         |
| 2 October         | 7th Area - Team Rubber Day                                     | CG, Team CR (Farrow Shield, Plugge, team), CE, F1C (Buskell), Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG, 1/2A, E36 | Contact: Area Comp Secs.   |
| 13 - 16 October   | 6th F1E<br>Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray              | F1E Reserve for team selection if required.   | Contact: Ian Kaynes<br>01252 512538<br>kaynes@btinternet.com       |

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| 16 October            | 8th Area - Team Glider Day<br>Venue: Area Venues           | CG (Model Engineer, Plugge, Team), CP, F1B (Duce, Plugge), SLOP (Frog Senior, Plugge), Mini Vintage, H/CLG, E30, P30, F1J | Contact: Area Comp Secs.   |
| 29 October (Saturday) | Midland Gala *<br>Team Selection fall back<br>Venue: TBC   | F1H, F1G, 1/2A, E36, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2.   | Contact Phil Ball<br>07470177947<br>phil.ball@ntlworld.com         |
| 29 October (Saturday) | Space Team Selection 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve<br>Venue: TBC | S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A   | Trevor Seabrook<br>07899 030875<br>contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 6 or 13 November      | Buckminster Gala   | Events TBC  | Contact TBC  |

## FREE FLIGHT NATIONALS - 2022

Following the non-availability of Barkston Heath the FFTC have agreed and alternative plan for the Free Flight Nationals, in doing this the FFTC have sought to minimise the confusion and disruption, to the overall contest calendar for 2022.

### Venues

Alternative venues were considered and investigated. However, due to the shortness of time, it was agreed that we should not consider a new and untried venue but settle for tried and tested sites

- Area 8 Salisbury.
- North Luffenham.
- Buckminster

### The plan

The replacement contests will be a cut down Free Flight Nationals and will not be the same as the “real” Nationals. We will apply a “light touch” organisation in a similar vein to that was operated in 2021. The contests will be flown for their respective Free Flight Nationals trophies. The contests will be run to the standard free flight gala format.

SAM35 will run their free flight and control line events at the SAM35 Retrofest event on 25-27 June at Buckminster. The only event not included is the 4/8oz Wakefield this will be added to the East Anglian Gala.

### Entry and Fees

There will be no pre-entry requirement. Entry on the day. The entry fee is £10.00 per day allowing the entrant to fly in as many events/classes as they desire. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.

## Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets. The entrance gate at Sculthorpe and Luffenham will be manned. We will arrange to collect the entry fees at the gate.

## Awards

- Certificates and medals for events will be awarded.
- Hand launch glider and catapult glider will be flown at both North Luffenham and Salisbury Area 8. The best time at either event will decide the place and the awarding of trophies.

## Details

- There will be no pre-entry requirement. Entry on the day. The fee will be a simple £10.00 per day charge. This fee would allow the entrant to fly in as many events/classes as they desire
- Management on the day at North Luffenham will be Ken Faux. Salisbury Area 8 Mike Woodhouse, who also has overall responsibility being the Free Flight Nationals coordinator.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI
- Start 09:00 finish 17:00

## Free flight – Salisbury Area 8

| <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Start 0900 - 1700</b> | <b>Sunday 5th June – Start 0900 - 1700</b> |
|---|--|
| Combined Glider   | F1A Glider                                 |
| Combined Rubber   | F1B Rubber                                 |
| Combined Power  | F1C Power                                  |
| Combined Electric                                       | F1Q Electric                               |
| Classic Rubber/Power                                    | Hand Launched Glider                       |
| Women's Cup   | Vintage Rubber/Power                       |
| Catapult Glider   | Slow Open Power                            |
| Frog Junior (J)   | Classic Glider                             |
| Tailless  |  |
| Vintage glider  |  |
|   |  |

## Space – Salisbury Area 8

| <b>Saturday 4th June – Start 0900 - 1700</b> | <b>Sunday 5th June – Start 0900 - 1700</b> |
|--|--|
| S3A Parachute                                | S6A Streamer                               |
| S4A boost Glider                             | S1B Altitude                               |
| S9A Helicopter                               | S2-P Payload                               |
| S5C Scale Altitude                           | S8E/P Rocket glider                        |

## Mini - North Luffenham

| <b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Start 0900 - 1700</b> |
|---|
| F1H (A/1 Glider)                                      |
| F1G (Coupe d'Hiver)                                   |
| F1J Power   |
| BMFA ½A Power   |
| E36 Electric  |
| P30 Rubber  |
| E30 Electric  |
| Mini Vintage  |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Duration                              |
| Catapult glider                                       |
| Hand Launch glider                                    |

## Free Flight Scale - Sculthorpe

- The STC have been advised that they can run the flight scale events at the East Anglian Gala. The STC will decide and advise accordingly.

## Bowden Trophy - Buckminster

- To be run on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Buckminster.

## SAM35 - Sculthorpe

- The 4.0 and 8.0-ounce Wakefield to be run at the East Anglian Gala

# TEAM SELECTION FOR THE 2023 F1A/B/C WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 World Championships for F1A/B/C will take place in France in August 2023. The team selection is planned to take at RAF Barkston Heath on 24/25 June. If five flights cannot be completed on that weekend a reserve date is set at 24/25 September with a final fall back date for flyoffs at the Midland Gala on 29 October if required. To enter the team trials please contact Phil Ball by email at [phil.ball@ntlworld.com](mailto:phil.ball@ntlworld.com) if you have a 2022 season ticket or by post using the form below and you need to submit the £30 entry fee. The closing date for entries is 4 June to comply with the BMFA rules.

## Entry Form 2022 Team Selection

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Surname</b>             |  |
| <b>First Name</b>          |  |
| <b>Address</b>             |  |
| <b>Telephone Number</b>    |  |
| <b>Mobile Phone Number</b> |  |
| <b>E Mail Address</b>      |  |
| <b>BMFA Number</b>         |  |
| <b>Senior or Junior</b>    |  |

| <b>Class</b>       | <b>F1A</b> | <b>F1B</b> | <b>F1C</b> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Please tick</b> |            |            |            |

Please make cheques payable to **BMFA**.

Entries, accompanied by payment to:

Phil Ball 17 HERONSWOOD DRIVE, SPONDON, DERBY, DE21 7AX.

# EAST ANGLIAN GALA



## EAST ANGLIAN GALA

30 and 31 July 2022. Sculthorpe Airfield,

It will soon be that time again for free flight aeromodellers to head towards the lush green and spacious fields of Sculthorpe airfield. This site offers the largest unobstructed flying site in the UK set in the heart of the Norfolk countryside. Camping nearby at Fakenham Race Course, 01328 862388; the Garden Caravan Site, Barmer Hall, Syderstone, 01485 578220 and Fakenham Camp Site, [fakenham.campsite@gmail.com](mailto:fakenham.campsite@gmail.com)

| Saturday 30 July      | Sunday 31 July        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Combined Rubber       | Combined Power        |
| Vintage Rubber/Power  | Combined Electric     |
| Classic Glider        | Combined Glider       |
| Tailless              | Mini Vintage          |
| E36                   | Classic Rubber/Power  |
| P30                   | CO2                   |
| HLG-CLG.              | Vintage Glider        |
| SAM 35 4 0z Wakefield | SAM 35 8 0z Wakefield |

BMFA rules apply for above events .

Start time each day 9.00 am, finish 6.00 pm. Competition entry £10.00 for any event taking place on the field. .

Location. Sculthorpe airfield, OS Map reference TF 852300. 100 Metres in a NE direction along the B1454 from its junction with the A148 road from Kings Lynn to Fakenham. No refreshments on the field this year but there is a cafeteria close to the entrance. There will be toilets. BMFA membership essential. For safety reasons no motorised retrieval and no dogs.

Flyers not taking part in BMFA events, fun flyers and engine runners must register and pay the £5.00 site fee at control.

For further information on this event contact Michael Marshall 01223 246142 or [mandrshall@gmail.com](mailto:mandrshall@gmail.com)

## SALISBURY PLAIN AND NORTH LUFFENHAM

There is a new process for applying for permits to trim and test fly at Salisbury Plain and North Luffenham. There is a new tab on the FFTC website for Permits where you can apply and buy the permit on line. The cost is £20 for Salisbury Plain £35 for North Luffenham. The details of the Conditions of Issue and Code of Conduct are included with the application and must be strictly followed.

## COMBINATION LOCKS AT SITE ENTRANCES

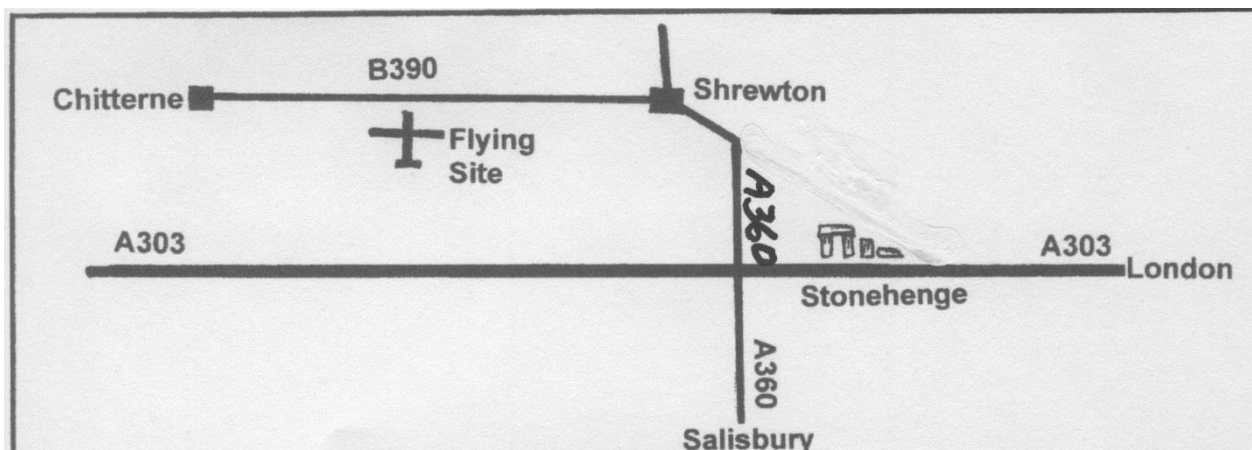
There have been reports of combination locks being left in their unscrambled state. Please make sure when you leave any gate that has been opened using a combination lock that it is fully scrambled on leaving. Another issue that has come to light at Barkston Heath is when signing please put a signature alongside your entry, in addition to the time that you leave the site.

## STONEHENGE AND EQUINOX CUPS



### World Cup Events

|          |                           |                |                     |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Saturday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2022 | Stonehenge Cup | F1A, B, C, P, and Q |
| Sunday   | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 | Equinox Cup    | F1A, B, C, P, and Q |





## **Flying Site**

The site is situated to the south of the B390 between Shrewton and Chitterne and will be signposted from the B390. GPS coordinates for the site entrance are 51°11'29.53"N, 1°57'32.59"W.

The terrain is undulating rough grassland crossed by dirt roads and tracks. The land is a military training area, which is carefully managed to preserve the history and wildlife. Model retrieval is usually on foot.

The area must be kept clean and tidy at all times and rules to protect the site must be observed.

Please note-there are no catering facilities available - competitors must bring their own food and drink.

## **Programme**

Events will start at 09.00. There will be 5 rounds plus fly-offs flown from a flight line. The Max for round 1 will be 240 seconds. All other rounds will be 180 seconds Max. These maximum times and program may vary according to circumstances. All competitors will receive a gift.

## **Rules**

The relevant section of the FAI Sporting Code will be followed.

All competitors must hold a valid FAI licence and FAI ID number.

## **Entry Procedure**

**Competitors from the UK who wish to compete in either or both events need to post their entry forms to:-**

**Peter Martin, 23 Woodland Court, Dyke Road Avenue, Hove, UK, BN3 6DP complete with payment cheque made out to 'BMFA'.**

**Competitors residing outside the UK should email their completed entry form(s) to [ffworldcupUK@gmail.com](mailto:ffworldcupUK@gmail.com).**

**Overseas entry fees may be paid on the day in £ or Euros.**

**Entry forms must be received by not later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

## **Trophies**

These will be awarded down to 3rd place for each class.

## **Timekeepers**

Timekeepers will not be provided by the organisers for the rounds.

Competitors must find their own timekeepers. Timekeepers will be allocated by the organisers for Fly-offs.

**For further information please contact:-**

Peter Martin or Richard Jack [ffworldcupuk@gmail.com](mailto:ffworldcupuk@gmail.com)

Or Peter Tribe

[thepetertribe@gmail.com](mailto:thepetertribe@gmail.com)

**Accommodation and Camping Information**

Information is available on request from Peter Tribe:-

[thepetertribe@gmail.com](mailto:thepetertribe@gmail.com)

**STONEHENGE CUP + EQUINOX CUP ENTRY FORM 2022**

|               |  |               |  |
|---------------|--|---------------|--|
| Full Name     |  |               |  |
| Address       |  |               |  |
| Town/City     |  |               |  |
| Country       |  | Post/Zip Code |  |
| Nationality   |  | Senior/Junior |  |
| Telephone No. |  | Mobile No.    |  |
| Email Address |  |               |  |
| FAI ID Number |  | BMFA No.      |  |

**World Cup Events**

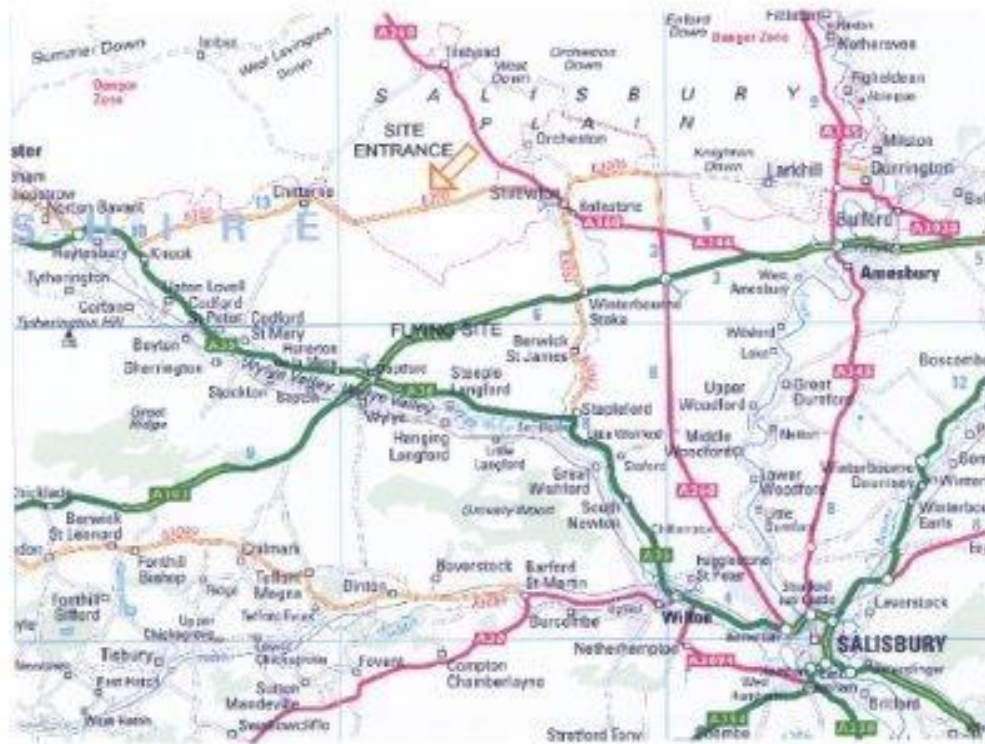
|             | Stonehenge Cup – Event 1 |            |            |                        |            | Equinox Cup – Event 2 |            |            |            |            |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Day         | SAT<br>3rd               | SAT<br>3rd | SAT<br>3rd | SAT<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> | SAT<br>3rd | SUN<br>4th            | SUN<br>4th | SUN<br>4th | SUN<br>4TH | SUN<br>4th |
| Class       | F1A                      | F1B        | F1C        | F1P                    | F1Q        | F1A                   | F1B        | F1C        | F1P        | F1Q        |
| Please tick |                          |            |            |                        |            |                       |            |            |            |            |

**Entry Fees**

|   |                   |  |
|---|-------------------|--|
| World Cup Event Per Class Per event (Seniors) | €25/£20           |  |
| World Cup Event (Juniors)                     | Free              |  |
|   | <b>Total Paid</b> |  |

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LOCATION MAP



GOOGLE PHOTOGRAPH

